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Pair Charged with Multiple Counts of Attempted Murder after Drive-By Shooting in Long Beach

A man and a teenager accused of shooting at a crowd in February pleaded not guilty yesterday, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

David Ham (dob 10/15/87) and Narith So (6/15/99) have each been charged with 12 counts of attempted murder and one count each of shooting at an inhabited dwelling and shooting from a motor vehicle in case NA101252.

Additionally, the felony complaint includes special allegations that the shooting was committed for the benefit of a gang. Also, that the defendants personally discharged a handgun, which caused great bodily injury.

Deputy District Attorney Tapti Patel, who is assigned to the case, said on Feb. 15, Ham and So were reportedly driving through the 200 block of W. 14th Street in Long Beach when they encountered a group of people at a party.

Believing the group was part of a rival gang, the defendants allegedly shot at the crowd and injured five people, the prosecutor said.

Following the incident, the defendants fled the scene, but were arrested the next day in connection with the incident.

Ham and So are scheduled to return to court on June 17 for a pre-hearing conference in Department SO1 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach Branch.

If convicted as charged, the defendants faces a possible maximum sentence of life in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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